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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jon Wike, Hearing Officer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Petition of MCI WorldCom to Enforce Interconnection Agreement with
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 01-00513

Dear Mr. Wike:

Counsel for MCI WorldCom and counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. have conferred concerning the upcoming hearing in Docket No. 01-00513, scheduled for next Tuesday, October 16, 2001. Both MCI WorldCom and BellSouth have agreed to waive the opportunity for live cross-examination of the witnesses in that hearing. Moreover, BellSouth does not object to MCI WorldCom's request that the Hearing Officer take judicial notice of all of the proceedings in Docket No. 99-00662, including the live cross-examination and argument to be presented at the hearing scheduled for this Friday, October 12, 2001.

In light of the waiver of cross-examination by both parties, counsel respectfully suggests that the proceeding scheduled for October 16, 2001, be handled simply by the presentation of the pre-filed testimony for entry into the record, which counsel will be happy to do either in person on October 16th, or by written motion prior to that time.

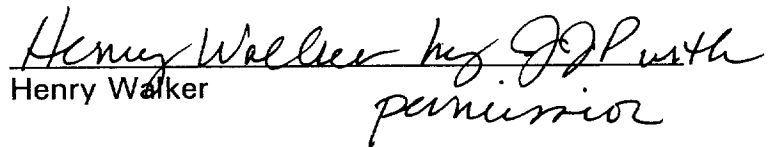
The parties intend to address at the hearing scheduled for this Friday only those matters relevant to that docket, except to the extent matters beyond the docket are relevant for purposes of impeachment.

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In light of the waiver of live cross-examination, counsel would like to instruct the witnesses scheduled to attend the October 16th hearing, that their attendance will not be necessary. Please contact us if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Cordially,


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